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Co-sponsors: None

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The bill amends Section 521a of the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998 to allow villages to use the redevelopment licenses authorized by Public Act 501 of 2006. These licenses are special licenses that can be issued without regard to the quota under Section 531 (1). Eligibility for issuance of such licenses would be the same as it is for cities. The prospective licensee must be engaged in activities related to dining, entertainment, or recreation. Businesses are required to meet one of the following conditions:

- Location in a redevelopment project meeting investment criteria specified in the act.
- Location in a development district or an area that is a tax increment finance authority district, a development area established under the Corridor Improvement Authority Act, a downtown district established under Public Act 197 of 1975, or a principal shopping district established under Public Act 120 of 1961.

The requirements for a redevelopment district licensee include:

- Provides activities related to dining, entertainment, or recreation not less than 5 days per week.
- Is open to the public not less than 10 hours per day, 5 days per week.

Verification of redevelopment project area status must be presented to the Commission and is required to include a resolution from the governing body, an affidavit from the assessor certified by the clerk affirming the investment in real and personal property in the area, and an affidavit certified by the clerk affirming investment in manufacturing, industrial, residential, and commercial development in the area.

Development district licenses would be required to meet certain investment thresholds. These include:

- Spending not less than \$75,000 over a period of the preceding 5 years to rehabilitate or restore the building in which the premises are housed. Alternatively, a commitment for a capital investment of at least that amount, which must be spent before the issuance of the license.
- The total amount of public and private investment in real and personal property within the qualified redevelopment project must be not less than \$200,000 over the preceding 5 years.
- The business must be engaged in dining, entertainment, or recreation and be open to the general public and have a seating capacity of not less than 50.

An individual applying for one of these licenses is required to demonstrate that he or she attempted to secure an appropriate on-premise escrowed or quota license and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, such a license is not available within the local unit of government.